(c) whether Government have held any discussion with the Chief Ministers of the States for implementing the said report in a smooth manner;

(d) if so, what is their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Vohra Committee Report had recommended setting up of a Nodal Agency at the level of Home Secretary for collation and collection of all information from various intelligence and investigating agencies. The Government had accordingly set up a Nodal Agency on 2nd August, 1995 with the Home Secretary as the Chairman of Secretary (Revenue), Secretary, RAW, Director, IB and Director, CBI as Members. The Nodal Agency in its meeting generally reviews the information available with the different agencies, relating to the activities of major crime syndicates and the course of action to be taken by the field formations. The Question of inter agency coordination and inter-agency support in pursuit of cases as per law is considered and appropriate decisions taken with regard to requirements of such support and cooperation. In the interest of better inter-departmental coordination, the Nodal Agency was reconstituted with effect from 5.1.1996 with Cabinet Secretary assuming charge as Chairman of the Nodal Agency and with Home Secretary, Secretary (Revenue), Secretary, RAW, Director, IB and Director, CBI as Members.

(c) and (d) In view of the above no such discussions were held.

Denial of Justice for Victims of Negligence

857. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the legal report in the Times of India dated June 17, 1997 captioned "No justice for victims of negligence" pointing out the inadequacy of law for punishing the guilty for such blatant negligence, where delay in the process diluted the forces of law; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response by ways of amending the law and pro-cadres and evolving a well studies law of torts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The section 304 A of the Indian Penal Code provides for punishment for causing death by negligence. At present, there is no proposal to amend the law as the existing penal provisions are quite adequate.

Model Draft Bill on Ground Water

858. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have circulated any model draft bill on ground water to all the State Governments for their suggestions and comments;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the comments/suggestions received by Government thereon;

(c) whether the proposed bill has been finalised;

(d) if so, whether it is proposed to bring before the Praliament during the current session; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Government have